Emerging Markets, Private Equity Participation Companies; for Development Assistance, Investment Reinsurance Act and Indirect Financing Fund.

(ii) *Export Promotion Instrument,* which includes Economic Cooperation Projects Programme, Development-oriented. Export Transactions; (ORET) and Export Credit Insurance.

(iii) *Economic and Technological Cooperation,* which includes Netherlands Programme for Cooperation with emerging markets, Technological Cooperation and Transfer of know-how.

Arrests by Enforcement Directorate

2578. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the method or procedure used by the Enforcement Directorate in deciding to effect arrests;

(b) the details thereof;

(c) what yardsticks are used to hold the detainess for extended and unduly long periods of time; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Arrests under Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1973 are effected after taking into consideration various factors like seriousness/magnitude of the offence, past record and back ground of the accused, apprehensions about his fleeing or tampering with the evidence.

(c) and (d) The Enforcement Directorate seeks remand/extension of remand only for such length of time as is absolutely necessary for conducting the investigations. The Enforcement Directorate has reiterated this position to its field offices and prosecutors.

मध्य प्रदेश में विमानपत्तनों पर सुविधाओं का बढ़ाया जाना

2579. **श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय:** क्या नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार द्वारा मध्य प्रदेश के विभिन्न विमानपत्तनों पर आधुनिक सुविधायुक्त भवन निर्माण, एप्रन, यातायात नियंत्रण और स्वचालन प्रणालियां स्थापित की जा रही हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है?

नागर विमानन मंत्री तथा सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री सी०एम० इब्राहीम): (क) जी हां। संचार, दिक्चालन तथा निगरानी सुविधा का स्तरोन्नयन और पुराने उपस्करों का आधुनिक विकल्पों द्वारा प्रतिस्थापन एक सतत् प्रक्रिया है।

मध्य प्रदेश में हवाई अड्डों को यातायात संबंधी आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने के लिए आवश्यक संचार, दिक्चालन तथा निगरानी सुविधाएं पहले ही प्रदान की गयी हैं।

(ख) विगत कुछ वर्षों में विभिन्न हवाई अड्डों पर संचार, दिक्चालन तथा निगरानी सुविधाओं के स्तरोन्नयन के लिए निम्नलिखित उपस्कर प्रदान किए गए हैं:—

इंदौर— दूरी मापक यंत्र, उपकरण अवतरण प्रणाली।

भोपाल— डॉप्लर अति उच्च आवृत्ति सर्वपरास, उपकरण अवतरण प्रणाली।

ग्वालियर— डॉप्लर अति उच्च आवृत्ति सर्वपरास, दूरी मापक यंत्र।

रामपुर— उपकरण अवतरण प्रणाली, डॉप्लर अति उच्च आवृत्ति सर्वपरास, दूरी मापक यंत्र।

खजुराहो— डॉप्लर अति उच्च आवृत्ति सर्वपरास, दूरी मापक यंत्र, उपकरण अवतरण प्रणाली।

Proposal to reduce excise duty on consumer electronics

2580. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reduce the Excise duty on consumer electronics to a reasonable amount; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The consumer electronic items currently attract central excise duty at rates ranging from 0% to 20% ad valorem. At present there is no proposal under consideration to reduce the excise duty on consumer electronics.

Guidelines issued by RBI to give credit to Small Scale Sector

2581. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India has issued guidelines to the Banks that upto 20% of the turnover credit, could be given to Small Scale Sector upto a limit of Rs. one crore; and

(b) if so, the names of the banks which have not followed these guidelines and the action taken against those banks?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that instructions have been issued by it to banks to grant atleast 20% of the projected annual turn-over as working capital limits to existing or new small scale industrial (SSI) units where the request for credit limit is upto Rs. one crore.

(b) RBI has reported that banks are generally following the guidelines in regard to grant of credit for working capital.

RBI has further reported that a sample study conducted by it in February/March 1996 revealed that working capital was computed on annual turn-over basis in respect of about 56% of the loan applications covered by the study. Non-adherence by bank branches to the prescribed level was mainly due to (i) working capital needs of the SSI borrowers being less than 20% of the projected annual turnover, (ii) surplus liquidity conditions in the market; (iii) non-disclosure of the market borrowings made by the applicants in the application; (iv) non-receipt of RBI guidelines by branches in certain cases; and (v) loan applications being covered under sponsered schemes.

Certain deficiencies which were noticed during the study including non-providing of working capital as per prescribed norms were pointed out to the banks by RBI in September 1996 advising then to review the position and take corrective measures wherever necessary.

Expansion and reconstruction of Government Hotels

2582. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to expand and reconstruct some of Government hotels;

(b) if so,the hotels identified for the purpose;

(c) the estimated cost of those expansion and reconstruction projects;

(d) whether any State Tourism Development hotel has also been identified for expansion and reconstruction in 9th Plan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. ITDC envisages expanding its hotels at Kovalam, Udaipur and Mamallapuram subject to feasibility reports showing economic viability and to reconstruct Lodhi, Janpath and Ranjit hotels in Delhi starting with Lodhi Hotel in the first phase.

(c) Schemes for expansion of hotels are yet to be formulated and finalised. The reconstruction of Lodhi Hotel is estimated to cost Rs. 98.11 crores.

(d) and (e) State Govts. on the basis of their requirement take decisions to expand and reconstruct their hotels.